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LETTER DATED 27 JANUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I am pleased to inform you that the United States Air Force has continued to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

17-18 January 1992

Thirty-six sorties flown by 17 two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 1,000-6,000 m, centred on Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

18-19 January 1992

Twenty-seven sorties flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 1,000-9,000 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Tall Afar, Irbil, Amadiyah, Rawanduz and Ayn Zalah.

At 0920 hours, two F-111s overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 500 km/h and at an altitude of 1,000 m.

At 1035, 1150 and 1220 hours, three formations, each consisting of two F-16s, overflew Faruq airfield at speeds of 500-700 km/h and at altitudes of 50-500 m.

20-21 January 1992

Twenty-three sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations and three single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-9,000 m, centred on Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

At 1512 hours, a two-aircraft formation circled over an area to the south of the 36th parallel, 10 km south of Tall Afar, at a speed of 75 km/h and at an altitude of 8,000 m.

21-22 January 1992

Thirty sorties flown by 14 two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-7,000 m, centred on Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Arbil, Rawanduz and Amadiyah.

At 0905 hours, two F-16s overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 500 m.

At 0955 and 1110 hours two formations, each consisting of two F-111s, overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 500 m.

22-23 January 1992

Twenty-one sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 2,500-7,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

23-24 January 1992

Twenty-five sorties flown by 11 two-aircraft formations and three single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 1,500-7,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah, Rawanduz and Sinjar.

24-25 January 1992

Twenty-three sorties flown by nine two-aircraft formations and five single aircraft at speeds of 600-850 km/h and at altitudes of 1,500-6,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Sinjar, Dukan, the area to the west of Rawanduz, Amadiyah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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